AGENDA:

- **Announcements and Introductions**
- **Presentation by Dr. Ann Martin, NICE evaluator**
- **Question and Answer Session**

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ANNOUNCEMENT:

Our name will formally change from IGCCE to NASA Innovations in Climate Education (NICE) on Oct 1

Introductions:

- VSGC Team - Andi Geyer, NICE Program Manager and Denise Dublin, Program Specialist

- NASA Team- Dr. Lin Chambers, NICE Project Scientist, Dr. Margaret Pippin, NICE Deputy Project Scientist, Kate Spruill, Deputy Project Manager AND

Today's Speaker

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Dr. Ann Martin, NICE Evaluator

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Project Goals

- NICE (NASA Innovations in Climate Education, http://nice.larc.nasa.gov) management at Langley is interested in:
  - *Documenting* the activities, outcomes, and impact of the portfolio of 71 funded projects.
  - *Reflecting* on their own practice in supporting the community and individual projects.

Plans vs. Reality

- Wanted to
  - Leverage the expertise and experiences of 71 projects and their evaluators
  - Take advantage of all the great evaluation work that has been done so far.
  - Respond to some feedback I have already received about evaluation in NICE.
- But ran into
  - The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)
  - . . . And we are not lawyers!
  - Restrictions on NASA (not on you or your projects) regarding the collection of information, including programmatic business.

How PRA Limits Program Evaluation

- Federal agencies can't have strict requirements for reporting formats (e.g., a template or a list of questions to be addressed) without approval.
- Federal agencies can't have requirements for the use of specific evaluation or research instruments, except where approval has already been received by OMB (e.g., OEPM surveys)
- **We can** request information about the conduct and results of evaluations from the project PIs.

Our Questions + PRA Compliance

- What kinds of evaluations are being conducted by NICE projects? What designs, approaches, and strategies are being employed?

- What instruments are being used? How can the group share access to new instruments, expertise on existing instruments, and decision-making on use of instruments?

- How can the projects, the evaluators, the management team, and me work together to explore and focus on some common goals?

- What lessons can be learned from the aggregated work of 57 current projects (and 14 new ones)? How can we apply these lessons?

Where We Go From Here

- Cataloging evaluation products
- Facilitating communication between projects (PIs and evaluators)
- Helping you!

Where We Go From Here

- Cataloging evaluation products
  - Cataloging what NICE/IGCCE/GCCE already *has*
  - You will be hearing from us soon about gathering information on your evaluations and the results, as will the project PIs.
- Facilitating communication between projects (PIs and evaluators)
- Helping you!

Where We Go From Here

- Cataloging evaluation products
- Facilitating communication between projects (PIs and evaluators)
  - Facilitating open contact and communication; getting to know you (and your concerns) better
  - You, as a community, can communicate, interact, exchange. And *we* can provide you with space (webinars, the website, etc.) to do so.
  - Coming soon: website space for sharing evaluation instruments, etc.
  - Forming a working group?
- Helping you!
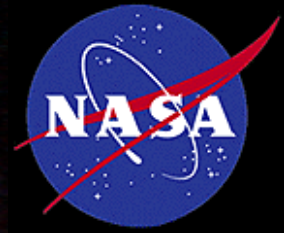
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- Helping you!
  - Let me know how I can help *you* – my e-door is always open
  - Clarifying the NICE logic model and stakeholder concerns

Questions/Concerns?

- A project PI has expressed an interest in how other projects are 'incentivizing' their data collection efforts for participants. This PI has found that they are able to get more detailed feedback from participants when, for example, teachers were able to participate in a fun workshop on how to use the materials and were given a stipend. What are you doing with regards to incentives, and how is that working out?

Q & A Session

Ideas for our next evaluator webinar:

- **Discussion of what a common evaluation framework might look like?**

- **Resource sharing?**

- **Volunteer presenters???**

- **Your ideas???**

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Next evaluator webinar:

- **Friday, December 2nd**

  OR

- **Thursday, January 19th**

WE CHOSE:
Wednesday,
December 14th, @
3 pm Eastern

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